

## HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?

This program receives state-allocated funds from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF), which consist of fees and fines paid by defendants and convicted persons. The program also receives federal funding from the Victims of Crime Act Victim Compensation Grant Program.

If you would like an  
APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION,  
please call us toll-free (CT only) at:

**1-888-286-7347.**



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## COMPENSATION FOR CRIME VICTIMS



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## WHAT IS VICTIM COMPENSATION?

A program offered to crime victims to assist them in recovering from the financial impact of the crime.

The OVS compensation program is the payer of last resort, which means that all other sources of payment must be exhausted before OVS will reimburse the claimant. OVS may also reimburse a medical provider after services are provided for any balances.

## CRIME RELATED EXPENSES THAT MAY BE COMPENSATED

- Medical and dental costs related to the crime
- Counseling for victims of personal injury, sexual assault, and child abuse
- Counseling for relatives\* of victims of sexual assault and child abuse
- Lost wage reimbursement, including overtime and self-employment income to cover the salary lost due to a crime related absence, to victims of personal injury crimes (Does not include attendance at court proceedings.)
- Lost wage reimbursement to any person responsible for the maintenance of a victim who has suffered a personal injury
- Funeral costs up to \$5,000
- Counseling for relatives and designated decision maker of a homicide victim
- Lost wage reimbursement to attend court proceedings for relatives and the designated decision maker of a homicide victim
- Loss of support for dependents and the designated decision maker of a homicide victim
- Medical costs for injuries incurred during the commission of a crime to the guide or assistance dog of a blind or disabled crime victim

\*All references to relative refer to this definition found in Connecticut General Statutes § 54-201(4) as "the spouse, parent, grandparent, stepparent, child, including natural born, step and adopted, grandchild, brother, sister, half brother, half sister, or spouse's parents."

Filing an application for compensation is not a promise from OVS that you will receive a compensation award. OVS will examine and evaluate your application before making a decision.

Property loss, property damage, pain and suffering, attorney fees and any non-economic loss are not compensable.

## HOW MUCH CAN BE PAID?

- Up to \$15,000 in reimbursement for expenses related to an eligible personal injury claim
- Up to \$25,000 in reimbursement for expenses related to an eligible homicide claim
- The total amount awarded will be subject to a \$100 deductible. A waiver may be possible in some circumstances.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

The victim, certain persons who suffer financial loss as the result of a crime, the dependents and designated decision maker of a homicide victim, the parent, legal guardian or other legal representative of a minor or incompetent person may apply.

The Application for Compensation should be filed with OVS within two years of the date of the personal injury or death; however, a waiver may be possible.

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR VICTIM COMPENSATION?

If any of the following statements apply, then you may be eligible for compensation.

- I was injured in the course of a crime or injured while helping police during a crime
- I am a relative or designated decision maker of a homicide victim
- I am a relative of a sexual assault or child abuse victim
- I am blind or disabled and my guide or assistance dog was injured during the commission of a crime

## AND

- I did not cause the crime or do anything illegal
- The crime was reported to the police within five days, or in the case of sexual assault, a sexual assault medical examination and evidence collection was completed within 72 hours of the assault.
- Other sources of payment do not cover all my eligible costs

Please call **1-888-286-7347** if you have questions regarding eligibility or to receive an application.